

MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT—CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

A statement of the Contingent Expenses of the Military Establishment.

FEBRUARY 14, 1856.—Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, February 4, 1856.

SIR: In conformity with the 5th section of the act of March 3, 1809, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement of the expenditures during the year 1855, from the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the military establishment.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JEFF'N DAVIS,
Secretary of War

Hon. N. P. BANKS, Jr.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Statement showing the expenditures of the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the Military Establishment, for the year 1855; exhibited in pursuance of the 5th section of the act of March 3, 1809, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments."

Date.	To whom paid, and for what purpose.	Amount.	Total.
1855.	<i>John D. McPherson, agent:</i>		
Jan. 2	Paid Adams & Co., for transportation of boxes in 1852 and 1854.....	\$8 75	
	Paid C. Wolfe, copying court-martial proceedings, &c., in 1851, 1852, and 1853.....	273 20	
	Paid C. McPherson, copying court-martial proceedings, &c., in 1852.....	16 00	
	Paid E. V. Mason..... do..... do.....	15 00	
	Paid C. C. Carter..... do..... do.....	22 50	
	Paid N. C. Young..... do..... do.....	28 50	
	Paid John C. Calvert..... do..... do.....	18 00	
	Paid E. V. Lomax..... do..... do.....	13 30	
	Paid M. A. Potter..... do..... do.....	22 00	
	Paid E. C. Bache..... do..... in 1852 and 1854..	46 50	
	Paid S. J. Irwin..... do..... do.....	56 50	
	Paid W. H. S. Taylor, expenses incurred in January, 1851, in investigating claims under act of June 2, 1848.	58 90	
	Paid Gales & Seaton, printing 400 copies of Secretary's report of Fortifications in 1851.....	24 00	
	Paid J. & D. Major, in 1852, for 200 maps of N. Mexico.	12 00	
	Paid L. H. & G. C. Schneider, in May, 1852, for mounting trophy guns.....	76 77	
	Paid John B. Turton, in 1852, for lumber used in mounting guns.....	5 00	
	Paid A. Boyd Hamilton, in 1852, for printing 100 copies of papers on fortifications.....	35 00	
	Paid F. Taylor, in November, 1852, and August, 1853, for books for use of War Department and headquarters of western division.....	94 25	
	Paid National Magnetic and N. Y. Telegraph Companies, in 1853, for telegraphic despatches.....	373 99	
	Paid J. H. Colton, in October, 1852, for 12 maps of United States, Mexico, &c.....	18 00	
	Paid C. Alexander, printing general orders, &c., folding and stitching same, for 1853.....	476 75	
	Paid R. Armstrong, in 1852, for 500 copies of Secretary's report, and 200 copies of complete report...	241 00	
	Paid S. V. Yantis, Mayor of Harper's Ferry, Va., in 1854, for administering oaths in investigation at armory..	6 50	
	Paid James M. Wright, for 154 days' service as clerk in judge advocate's office in 1854.....	462 00	\$2,404 41
	<i>Thomas Swords, lieut. col. and quartermaster:</i>		
4	Paid Messrs. Basse & Hord, at New York, in August, 1854, for professional services in defending John F. Lund, sued for stopping a ferry at the mouth of the Rio Grande during the war with Mexico.....		500 00
	<i>E. Murray, lieut. 2d infantry:</i>		
	Paid John L. Hatcher, San Diego, Cal., in November, 1849, for services as guide to Col. Collier's and Capt. Thom's party, from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to San Diego, Cal., in August, 1849.....		200 00

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Date.	To whom paid, and for what purpose.	Amount.	Total.
1855 Jan. 22	<i>Thomas J. Montgomery, capt. 4th infantry:</i> Paid George C. Bomford, in November, 1852, for surveying 45 miles of the military reserve, at the Dalles of Columbia, Oregon Territory, at \$12 per mile.... Paid Jefferson, a Nez Perces Indian, in November, 1853, for services rendered in bringing private E. R. Stevens, of 4th infantry, from Nez Perces country to Fort Dalles, said private having lost his way from the expedition under Lieut. Saxton, and being unable to walk..... Paid five Indians, at Fort Dalles, Oregon, in December, 1853, for one day's work, rowing a boat captured for violation of intercourse laws.....	\$540 00 50 00 5 00	 \$595 00
27	<i>John D. McPherson, agent:</i> Paid New York, New Orleans, Magnetic, and National Telegraph Companies, for despatches in October, November, and December, 1854, and January, 1855. Paid Henry Barron, in November, 1854, for permanent fixtures for books and records in the offices occupied by the Adjutant General..... Paid Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Mass., in October, 1854, for 4 sets of Statutes at Large, vols. 1 to 7; 5 sets, 8 and 9; and 5 copies Synoptical Index..... Paid James M. Wright, for 78 days' services as clerk in the judge advocate's office, in October, November, and December, 1854.....	61 87 344 60 151 75 234 00	 792 22
Feb. 24	<i>E. B. Babbitt, bvt. maj., asst. quartermaster:</i> Paid Joshua Harvey, Baltimore, Md., in May, 1854, for 40 yards of muslin, for making target at Fort McHenry.....		4 00
Mar. 6	<i>R. S. Ewell, capt. 1st dragoons:</i> Paid M. Sacks, at Los Lunas, New Mexico, in June, 1854, for 4 yards linen.....		2 00
12	<i>A. L. McGilton, lieut. 4th artillery:</i> Paid B. Duracher, in July, 1854, for cleaning the privies of New Orleans, La., barracks.....		60 00
12	<i>Jacob Culbertson, lieut. 4th artillery:</i> Paid Samuel Jones, at Fort Mackinac, Mich., in 2d and 3d quarters, 1854, for materials, making, caulking, and pitching scow, for floating target..... Paid Moses Rapin, same place, in 3d quarter 1854, making 7 pair hand-cuffs.....	36 68 2 63	 39 31
20	<i>J. H. Carlisle, lieut. 2d artillery:</i> Paid C. H. West, at Charleston, S. C., in June, 1851, for 1 anchor for target practice..... Paid Lemon & Avelilhe, same place, in 2d and 3d quarters of 1851 and 1852, for an anchor and hog-head used for target practice.....	6 92 14 04	 20 96
April 3	<i>John Trevitt, lieut. 3d infantry:</i> Paid Juan Apachee, at Dona Ana, New Mexico, in March, 1850, for 13 days' services as interpreter and guide.....	6 50	

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1855			
April 3	Paid José Ma. Giron, same place, for 12 days' services as guide in June, 1850.....	\$12 00	
	Paid Francis Fletcher, same place, for services as interpreter for April, May, and June, 1850.....	150 00	\$168 50
	<i>A. J. Williamson</i> , lieut. 3d infantry:		
3	Paid James Arnigo, at Albuquerque, N. M., for services as interpreter for the month of December, 1849.....		36 00
	<i>John D. Clark</i> , lieut. 8th infantry:		
7	Paid R. W. Armstrong, at Tucubaya, Mexico, in March, 1848, for 2 yards black crape.....		2 00
	<i>Ralph W. Kirkham</i> , capt., asst. quartermaster:		
7	Paid George N. Lynch & Co. and Lynch & Arnott, at Jefferson barracks, in August, 1853, and July, 1854, for 1 metallic and 1 plain coffin for late Captain Brown and Lieutenant Pine.....		48 90
	<i>J. N. Ward</i> , lieut. 3d infantry:		
13	Paid George Lewis, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, in October, 1849, for services as guide.....		5 00
	<i>John D. McPherson</i> , agent:		
14	Paid in January, February, March, and April, 1855, to the National, Magnetic, Washington and New Orleans, and New York and Washington Telegraph Companies for despatches transmitted by their lines.....	99 40	
	Paid James M. Wright for 78 days' services as clerk in judge advocate's office in January, February, and March, 1855.....	234 00	
	Paid George E. Sherman, New York, in March, 1854, for paper and printing 100 copies Western Territories.....	29 50	
	Paid James Ackerman, in March, 1855, for parchment and printing 5,000 soldiers' discharges from copper-plate.....	393 75	
	Paid Adams & Co., in March, 1855, for transportation of tin box from California.....	8 75	765 40
	<i>G. W. F. Wood</i> , bvt. maj., asst. quartermaster:		
23	Paid Megginson & Ribbards, in June, 1854, attorneys' fees for attending a suit before the district court at Austin, Texas, wherein the U. States were interested.....		125 00
	<i>W. W. Morris</i> , maj. 4th infantry:		
May 12	Paid Robert Hyslop, New York, in January, 1854, for 3 pairs of hand-cuffs.....		4 50
	<i>C. Underwood</i> , lieut. 4th infantry:		
14	Paid Levi Disbrow, at Fort Ontario, New York, in 2d quarter 1854, for repairing 1 ball and chain.....		2 00
	<i>H. W. Wessells</i> , capt. 4th infantry:		
16	Paid E. Kennedy, Uniontown, Cal., in September, 1851, for magistrate's fees for recovery of public property.....		14 25
	<i>Caleb Smith</i> , lieut. 2d infantry:		
30	Paid Andrew Lytle, in December, 1852, at Rancho de Juniapo, Cal., for prison irons.....		16 00

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Date.	To whom paid, and for what purpose.	Amount.	Total.
1855 June 10	<i>J. & M. L. Appleton</i> , attorneys, Bangor, Me.: For professional services in 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, and 1852 in the case of <i>Hutchings vs. Lieut. Van Bokkelen</i> , upon a writ <i>de homine replegando</i> , from the hands of Van Bokkelen, a recruiting officer of the United States army.....		\$188 00
10	<i>M. M. Clark</i> , capt., asst. quartermaster: Paid Lemuel Williams, Washington, D. C., in October, 1852, funeral expenses of late Capt. F. A. Smith, United States army.....	\$117 50	
	Paid C. Alexander, Washington D. C., in December, 1852, for printing muster-rolls, Army Register, and various other blank forms for Adjutant General's office.....	1,031 57	
	Paid D. O. Hare, Washington, D. C., in February, 1853, for engraving copperplate, 3,500 parchments, printing, &c., for Adjutant General's office.....	350 00	
	Paid George D. Klinehouse, Washington, D. C., in May, 1853, for 500 copies of <i>Manuel for Drumming</i>	750 00	
	Paid J. F. Crosby, Fort Fillmore, N. M., in May, 1853, for professional services in the case of <i>S. G. Bean vs. Lieut. J. D. Wilkins</i> for trespass.....	70 00	
	Paid Harper & Brothers, New York, in April, 1854, for 100 copies <i>Scott's Tactics</i> , 3 vols.....	250 70	
	Paid Allen & Hale, in May, 1854, for suing out a writ of error in the case of <i>John F. Lund vs. Major E. A. Ogden</i> , United States army, and arguing said cause of error in supreme court of the State of Texas at the December term, 1854.....	500 00	
	Sundry court expenses.....	36 20	
	Paid L. Williams, Washington, D. C., in June, 1854, funeral expenses of the late Dr. Alexander S. Witherspoon, United States army.....	123 62	
	Paid L. Williams, Washington, D. C., in August, 1854, funeral expenses of the late Capt. Thomas L. Ringgold, United States army.....	103 75	
	Paid Adams's Express Company, in October, 1854, freight on 1 box of books for Adjutant General's office.....	4 00	
			3,337 34
July 10	<i>Henry Stanton</i> , bvt. brig. general: Paid E. P. Royce, surveyor, Green Bay, Wis., in November, 1854, for 73 days' services surveying and mapping the military reservation at Fort Howard... Paid H. M. Royce, assistant, E. R. Barnes and R. Chapman, chain and axemen..... Paid E. P. Royce for stationery, rolls for maps, &c....	365 00 117 00 7 98	
			489 98
11	<i>Thomas C. Reynolds</i> , U. S. dis't att'y for Missouri: For professional services in resisting the following named United States soldiers on writs of habeas corpus before the State court, and attendance and judgment by the court in 1854 and 1855, viz: <i>J. Sullivan</i> , \$15; <i>James Ramsey</i> , \$15; <i>Samuel Graham</i> , \$15; <i>F. M. Autle</i> , \$15; <i>Philip Lowry</i> , \$15; <i>J. F. Wilcox</i> , \$15; <i>Wyatt Harding</i> , \$15; <i>Israel Harding</i> , \$10; <i>O. M. S. Keel</i> , \$15; <i>Andrew Lamp</i> , \$15; <i>M. Ferels</i> , \$15; <i>H. M. Stoll</i> , \$15.....		195 00

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Date.	To whom paid, and for what purpose.	Amount.	Total.
1855. July 11	<i>E. A. Ogdon</i> , captain, assistant quartermaster: Paid J. C. McCoy, for surveying and marking new military reservation, pertaining to Fort Leavenworth, including topographical plats of the same, between August 29 and October 15, 1854.....	-----	\$196 00
Aug. 1	<i>W. H. Taylor</i> , lieutenant, 7th infantry: Paid Luke Murray, at Albuquerque, N. M., for services as guide and interpreter, from February 14 to March 31, 1850..... Paid José Antonio Hamawany, same place, for 2 days' services as guide, in February, 1850.....	\$92 14 5 00	97 14
2	<i>John D. McPherson</i> , agent: Paid James Ackerman, Washington, D. C., in April, 1855, for 1,000 skins of parchment..... Printing same..... Paid James M. Wright for 12 days' services in judge advocate's office, in April, 1855..... Paid National Magnetic, Washington and New Orleans, and New York and Washington Telegraph Companies, for despatches in April, May, and June, 1855.	117 50 40 00 36 00 289 82	433 32
14	<i>J. G. Martin</i> , major, assistant quartermaster: Paid John Trader, at Fort Monroe, Va., in February, 1848, a balance on account of coffin for the late Captain Green, U. S. A.....	-----	4 00
14	<i>W. H. Lewis</i> , lieutenant, 5th infantry: Paid J. Hurlburt, at Fort Brady, in March, 1850, for 1 pair of snow-shoes.....	-----	4 00
Sept. 6	<i>E. D. Blake</i> , lieutenant, 8th infantry: Paid John Connor, at Fort Martin Scott, Texas, for services as guide and interpreter, from December 1, 1849, to June 30, 1850..... Paid R. Cloutz, for serving 5 search warrants.....	280 00 4 50	284 50
22	<i>Elias K. Kane</i> , captain, assistant quartermaster: Paid José Sombrano, at Juanos, Mexico, \$100; Guadalupe Chacon, at Santa Cruz, Mexico, \$100; José Palomares, at Santa Cruz, Mexico, \$100; Jesus Jortes, at Pimia Village, Rio Gila, \$40; S. Garcias, at Pimia Village, Rio Gila, \$40; Rafael Dios, at Rio Colorado, \$25; for services as guides, in September, October, and November, 1848..... Joseph Billard, at Los Angeles, Cal., for services as interpreter, for March, 1849..... W. E. P. Hartwell, at Monterey, for services as interpreter, from February 18 to April 30, 1850.....	405 00 105 00 349 43	904 43
Oct. 2	<i>George A. Paige</i> , lieutenant, 2d infantry: Paid A. H. Boyle, at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., in December, 1854, for 1 iron target.....	-----	11 35
31	<i>R. Ingalls</i> , captain, assistant quartermaster: Paid John Switzler, at Fort Vancouver, Oregon, in September, 1849, for 19 days' services as pilot and interpreter.....	152 00	

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Date.	To whom paid, and for what purpose.	Amount.	Total.
1855 Oct. 31	Paid Preston Rice, at Chahalam Valley, Oregon, in March, 1850, for services as guide to Col. Loring's detachment	\$10 00	
	Paid Indian Joe, at Fort Vancouver, for services as steersman, with four other Indians, transporting Sheriff Ryan and a prisoner to Portland, from 18th to 20th of April, 1850	20 00	
	Paid C. Preaux, at same place, for services as steersman to a boat party, and transporting Gov. Lane from Vancouver to Oregon City, from 10th to 27th of April, 1850	122 50	
	Also, hire of 7 Indian boatmen, as above, for 17½ days, at \$2 per day each	245 00	
	Paid J. Applegate, at same place, for services as guide to Col. Loring's detachment, from 1st to 17th of April, 1850	210 00	
	Paid by Capt. J. P. Hatch, at same place, in June, 1850, for use of a surveyor's compass	5 00	
	Paid A. McKay, at same place, for services as guide, from 24th to 28th of June, 1850	50 00	
	Paid Henry Martin, at same place, for services as guide and interpreter, from 23d to 27th of March, 1850	30 00	
	Paid H. Daines, same place, for services as guide to Lieut. Lane, 16th and 17th of August, 1850	10 00	
	Paid T. J. Deyer, Portland, Oregon, in June, 1851, for advertising military reserve in the Oregonian	12 00	
	<i>John D. McPherson, agent :</i>		\$866 50
Nov. 6	Paid Francis Datcher, in July, 1855, for transportation of sundry boxes from Philadelphia and New York ..	18 00	
	Paid John Burg, in August and September, 1855, for copying proceedings in relation to the Military Reserve at Fort Riley, 418 folios	52 25	
	Paid Washington Branch Railroad, in August, 1855, for transportation on 7 boxes from Baltimore	7 99	
	Paid National and House Printing Telegraph Companies in October, 1855, for despatches	28 90	
	<i>D. D. Tompkins, bt. lieut. col. :</i>		107 14
16	Paid Isaac Bridge, New Orleans, in September, 1854, for 1 iron safe	267 00	
	Paid Thomas James, New Orleans, in November, 1854, for repairing iron safe and furnishing 2 keys for same	15 00	
	Paid Southmay & Harrison, New Orleans, in June, 1855, for 1 patent iron safe	190 00	
	<i>R. E. Clary, capt., asst. quartermaster :</i>		472 00
17	Paid Isaac Bridge, New Orleans, La., in July, 1851, for 1 iron safe		22 25
18	<i>J. H. Carleton, capt. 1st dragoons :</i>		
	Paid John Jones, U. S. marshal, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, 18th October, 1853, for his fees, and sundry costs in suits instituted by Samuel S. Sears, John J. Sears, and Arthur Morrison, against R. M. Stevens & James H. Carleton, for executing a		

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1855. Nov. 18	warrant issued by the governor of the Territory, sustaining the law regulating intercourse with Indians, &c.	\$330 05	
	Paid R. H. Tompkins, clerk of the court, fees.	40 79	
	Paid James H. Quinn, attorney for Barclay & Doyle, plaintiffs, for damages and costs in an action of trespass against defendant.	168 50	
	Paid James H. Broadwell witness fees.	39 90	
	<i>C. W. Field</i> , lieut. 2d cavalry :		\$579 24
Dec. 20	Paid H. P. Brewster, attorney, for professional services rendered in the apprehension of assistant surgeon J. M. Steiner, and other preliminary steps taken to bring said Steiner to trial, &c.		250 00
	<i>J. C. McFerran</i> , capt., asst. quartermaster :		
22	Paid Francisco Leauhartdo, and Augustine Levato, in March, 1852, for 3 sets of leg irons.	3 00	
	Paid W. D. Whipple, Fort Fillmore, New Mexico, in November, 1853, for fee paid by him to J. D. Crosby, employed as counsel in the case of Ervin McHascok vs. Lieut. Whipple, 3d infantry, to recover damages for certain lumber.	60 00	63 00
	<i>Theodore Fink</i> , lieut. 8th infantry :		
27	Paid John Murphy and John Connor for services as guide and interpreter, from 1st to 31st May, 1849.		47 00
	<i>M. D. Simpson</i> , capt. 2d artillery :		
27	Paid E. W. Dorr, in April, 1854, for 30 yards cotton, &c., for making target for artillery practice.		3 00
	<i>E. B. Babbitt</i> , bt. maj., asst. quartermaster :		
28	Paid Antonio Perez, San Antonio, Texas, for services as interpreter to General Wool, for January and February, 1849.	100 00	
	Paid John Driscoll in 3d quarter 1854, and Thomas R. Crane, Baltimore, Md., in 2d and 3d quarters 1855, for 190 yards muslin for making targets.	15 52	115 52
			14,526 75

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Auditor's Office, January 2, 1856.

P. CLAYTON, Second Auditor.